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DEOPOSALS FOR MAIL BAOS.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
January 15, 1862.
Sealed proposals will be received at this Department until sine o'clock, a. m., the first day of April next, for furnishing for four years, from the take day of July, 1862, in such quantities and at such times as may be required and ordered for the service, Mail Hage of the following description, to wit:

Wil!

Of size No. 1, measuring forty-eight linches in length and stay inches in circumference.
Of size No. 2, measuring forty-one inches in length and fasty inches in circumference.
Of size No. 3, measuring forty-one inches in length and forty-eight inches in circumference.
Of size No. 4, measuring thirty-six inches in length and Borty-two inches in circumference.
Of size No. 4, measuring thirty inches in length and the six inches in circumference.
The body of these powers in circumference good and substantial bag leather, well fanned, weighted ounces, and for the smaller size not less than eight ounces, and for the smaller size not less than eight ounces, and for the smaller size not less than eight ounces, and for the smaller size not less than eight ounces, and for the smaller size not less than eight ounces, which is not shall be some the size of circular form) and the flap to be of good skirting leather, well fanned, the seams to be well and strongly secured with the best fron rivels, well tanned. THATRER MAIL POUCHES,

LEATURE HORSE MAIL BAGS, (Saddle-bays form,)

twenty-six inches.

airs No. 2, measuring forty-five inches in length and eighteen inches in width at the wides parts; the cults or bottoms being twelve by twenty-lour inches.

airs No. 3, measuring forty-two toches in length and sixteen inches in width at the wides parts; the ends or bottoms being ten by twenty-inches.

inches.

Inches bags are to be made of good and substantial bag leather, well tanned, weighing not less than seven counces to the square foot; the seams to be securely formed and well and strongly seven, or if riveted, to be so done as not to chafe horse or

Of size No. 1, measuring forty-three inches in length and sixty-two inches in circumference.
Of size No. 2, measuring forty-three inches in length and sixty-two inches in circumference.
Of size No. 2, measuring forty-one inches in length and forty-eight inches in circumference.

The sacks of sixes numbered 1 and 2 are to be made with a stabling or hem at the top, two inches wide, upon which a sufficient number of eyelet holes—at least ten to the former and eight to the latter—are to be wrought; and they are each to be provided with good and sufficient from cord to lose and tis than thoroughty. All are to be marked inside and outside "U. S. Mal," in large, disciplination of the corton disc or canvass of which the unideachase have hitherto been made, it is deemed incapalism to limit the proposed material of such sacks to cotton alone, or to prescribe any standard as to kind or quality of material to be offered. Bilders are therefore invited to subsuit specimen mail sacks, made of cotton, fax, hemp, or just canvass, or Dunden bagging, or of any material possessing considered an economical substitute may be considered an economical and to be considered an economical substitute.

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M. BLAIR, Postmaster General,

HEADQUARTERS, DEPENDER OF WARHINGTON,
OFFICEOF CHEEF QUARTERMASTER,
PROPOSALE are invited for formisking Wood for
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tipley, Franklin, Mansiteld, Pennsylvania, Battery Tenality own, Facts Kenney, De Russy, Massachusetts, Steener, Totten, Stemmer, Bunker Hill,
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First. For wood standing, (price per cort.)

Second, For wood felled by U. S. Engineers or otherwise, (price per cord.)

Third. For wood set and corded on the ground. Proposals must specify the locality, tind, quantity, and qualify of the wood.

Proposals will be received under this survivament for the amount of wood required up to June 1, 1663.

Each bidder must attach his full name and postence address to his lid, and the names of all particular interested in the proposal must appear in the bid.

An eath of allegiance to the diovernment of the United States must arrowaging each bid.

Bids will be opined from time to time, and contracts or purchases made as the wood may be required.

The right is reserved to accept all or any part of

any bid.
Proposals should be endorsed, "Proposals for Wood," and addressed to ELIAS M. GREENE,
Lieut. Colonel and Chief Quarternaster,
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Signature, A. B.

Signature, G. H.

Form of Guarantee.

Signatures of two guaranters, C. D.

Date.
To be signed by the United States District Judge,
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PROPOSALS for Blue-Stone Flagging will be received at the office of the Bureau of Construction,
Treasury Department, until 12 o'clock M., February 28, 1962, for Blue-Stone Flagging, according
to the following schedule:
150 Stones, 7 feet 5 linelies, x 3 feet x 4 inches,
150 to 50 Stones, 1 food 5 insben, x 3 feet x 2
inches.
All Stones to be squared, dressed to an even
thickness, and without any windage whatever.
The whole to be delivered by the 16th of March
next, at the Treasury Building.
The Department reserves the right to reject any
or all the bids, it considered for the interest of the
Government to do so.

Engineer in Charge Treasury Departs

DROPOSALS FOR HORSES.

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PROPOSALS

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chandlery; S, stationery; T, Brewood; 36 X, steel.
The following are the classes under Bureau of
Construction and Repair.

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Class No. 1, White Oak Logs; 3, White Oak Pronoisesous Timber; 4, White Oak Plank; 8, Yellow
Pine Blogs; 11, White Pine Logs, Plank anakBoards;
13, Ash Logs and Plank; 24, Hrusher; 25, Fron; 24,
Sieel; 27, Fron Spikes; 28, Iron Nalls; 20, Lean; 12,
Zinc and Tin; 36, White Lead; 27, Zinc Psints; 28,
Colored Pants, Dryer; 39, Lineed Oil; 41, Glass;
42, Pitch and Rosin; 44, Flah Oil.

SEALED PROPORALE to furnish susterials for the Navy for the fineal year sanding 20th June, 1982, 1982.

SEALED PROPORALE to furnish susterials for the Navy for the fineal year sanding 20th June, 1982, will be received at the Bureau of Equipment and Repairs, Bureau of Steam Engineering, until the 12th day of March next.

Proposals must be indozed "Proposals for Materials for the Navy," that they may be distinguished from other business letters, and directed to the Chief of the Bureau of (naming the Bureau) for which they are intended.

The materials suid articles embraced in the elasses amed are particularly described in the printed schedule, any of which will be furnished to such as the commendance of the respective, and those of all the yards upon application to the respect Bureaus. This division into classes being for the convenience of dealers each year property of the convenience of dealers each year property of the convenience of dealers are actually required for bids. The Commandant of the schedules of the other yards for examination only, from which it may be judged whether I will be desirable to make application for any of the convenience of dealers are only of the schedules, or in a strend to the schedules, or in a strict conformity therewith, or they will not be considered. In computing the classes, the price stated in the column of prices will be the standard, and the aggregate of the class will be carried out scoording to the prices stated.

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overment to do so. Mids to be enclosed to a scaled cavelops, endorsed. Propossis for Blue-stone Flagging.

LEMALE COLLEGE, BORDENTOWN, N. V.

CHIEF QUARTERMARTHM'S OFFICE,
COTHER Eighteenth and G streets,
Washington, B. C., Feb. 18, 1962.

REALED PROPOSALS will be received at this
office until Tuesday, the 28th day of February at
15 o'clock m., for furnishing the Government with
(2,000) two thousand Herses, of the following descriptions, viz:
CAVALRY.

For Cavalry, (1,200) one thousand Horses, from (15) fifteen to (16) sixteen hands high, hetween from and eight years of age; of dark colors; well broker to the anddle; compactly built, and free from al

considered as the individual proposal of the party signing it.

Proposals from disloyal parties will not be considered, and an oath of allegiance must accompany seah proposition.

Proposals must specify clearly whether the bid is for Gavairy or Artiliney-Rorses, and in me case must both be bid for on the same paper.

If any bidder wishes to propose for both classes, he must forward two distinct proposals—one for rach class, complete in Reff—and having no reference to any other proposal by the same party.

Proposals must be addressed to Co. D. H. Ruck-it, quariermanter U. S. army, Washington, D. C., and should be plainly marked.

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Manks for bonds can be procured upon applica-tion being made at this office, either personally, by efter, or by telegraph.

epared to become his securities. (To this guarantee must be appended the official rtificate above mentioned.)

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INSPECTION, DELIVERY, he.
Horses contracted for under this advertisewill be subjected to a rigid inspection, and
not conforming to the speculacitions will be

those not conforming to the specifications will be rejected.

No Mares will be received.

The Horses must be delivered in this city, within twenty days from the date of the contract, and no accesses of it time will be granted on any pretext.

Fayment to be made upon the completion of the southest, or a soun thereafter as the Chief Quartermaster shall be if finals.

Any informality in the bld, or non-conformance with the terms of this advertisement, will insure the rejection of the proposal.

The Horses will be awarded in lots of 2000 two initiatives cash, unless the Chief Quartermaster should deem it for the Interest of the Government to vary the number.

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The Chief Quartermaster reserves to himself the right to reject any or all bits that he may deer too high.

Col. and Chief Quartermaster, first 16

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THE NEW
TWENTY YEAR SIX PER CENT. BONDS

TWENTY YEAR SIX PER CENT. BOXDN of the UNITED STATES (Known as "Flue Theorties,")
The COUPON BOXDS in cume of \$50, \$100, \$500, and \$1,000, the REGISTERIND BONDS in stome of \$50, \$100, \$100, \$1,000, and \$50,000, (Interest commonweigh at date of purchase,) POR SALE AT PAR UNITED STATES, \$452 Fifteenth afreet.

Three Bonns are the
CUBAPEST GOVERNMENT SECURITY
now in the market.
Interest payable securoassally
IN GOLD
is equivalent, at present price of solu, to
a Par Cent. in our enoy.

MONODY, FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND OF FEBRUARY. BY EMELINE SHERMAN SMITH.

The winter morn rose saim and fair— Glad murmurs filled the frosty air, And martial music's stirring sound Moved heart and puise to joyous bound. I heard the tread of many feet; I looked adown the busy street. And saw, like birds in plumage gay:
Young children fit along the way:
Saw blooming maiks and matrons fair,
Brisk youths, and men with aliver hair,
Each following each with constant pace,
As rippling waves their fellows class.

As this tumultuous, throbbing sex, As this tumilituous, throbbing sea,
This current of humanity,
O'erflowed that pathway long and wide,
I watched its over awelling tide;
Each cheek was flushed, each eye was bright
With Expectation's sunny light.
As countless flowers and shrubs and trees
Bould to the unseen, passing breeze,
Bould to the unseen, passing breeze, so all those varied groups of men Bowed to one mighty impulse then.

Soon swelled the mingled tide of sound ; soon agence incomingred tide of sound; quirck, heavy framplings shook the ground, Redoubling drams glad measure beat. And bugie notes rung clear and aweet, While manly voices, far and near. Flooded the air with sheer on sheer. Then soldier-bands, in full array, Filed slowly through that growled way-Filed slowly through that growled way— Their medium pinnes, their garlamis fair, Their banners floating high in air. Their streets in joyous spirit prancing. Their streets in joyous spirit prancing. Their stately forms, their glances bright, All male such fair, such goodly night. That coldest heart might warm to be

A witness of the pageantry ! Tweathus, in happier times gone by, Ere war-clouds dimmed our country's sky, We marked, by many a proud display. The coming of a favored day— A sacred day, whose light could cheer All loyal hearts with memories dear, And crown with joy each passing year. This day returns—but how, ah! how, Shall we do home to it now!

With soxious thoughts and tearful eyes We see its dawning beauties rise: For, plunged in war and woe and shame, Scarce dare we breathe that hallowed name Which, long re-echoing far and wide, Hath been the world's dright and pride.

Thy country once in danger's hour More darkly now the storm-clouds lower store dready now the storm-rouse is Upon her pleasant hill is and vales; More dread the peril that assails. Thou easist not, as in years gone by, Come with majestic form and eye, To confised senates, or to be An army's guide to victory. But M, from thine abode secone, Thou mayet behold this troubled scene, Oh, spirit blest! inspire, we pray, The men who rule our land to-day; Lend them thy gently-guiling power, Thy wisdom, in this trying hour, And be the star whose caim, pure light At last shall point their course aright. -Home Journa

the American question.

Before he consured the course taken by the Government, it was but fair that he should say they were in possession of much better information than he was as to whether interference on their part would have been judicious. He differed from the opinion expressed by many of his political friends, that the time had arrived for recognizing the Southern States. There were only two cases in which recognition on the part of a neutral Power could be justified, namely: Where there was no further struggle going on, or where it was desirable in the interests of homanity that the great Powers should interfere in order to prevent the continuance of a desolating warfare. But in that case recognition was always followed by something farther. It meant support by force of arms of the claims of the country whose right was recognized, such as was the case on the separation of Belgium from Holland, and of Greece from Turkey. His conviction was, thus, come what may, the reconstruction of the States as they formerly stood was absolutely impossible, and on the whole he approved of the courseths devenuent had taken. [Cheers.] He then deplored the distress which the war had brought on the Lancashire operatives, and reviewed the foreign polley of the Government in example to take it receased.

We publish this morning copious advices from Mexico, received via Havana. The dates are to the 27th ult. From the City of Mexico, and to the 12th ult. From the City of Mexico, and to the 12th lut. From the City of Mexico, and to the 12th lut. From the City of Mexico, and to the 12th lut. From the City of Mexico, and to the 12th lut. It does not appear that any very startling event has occurred in the neighboring Republic since our fast advices, but the news generally le of considerable importance and tuterest. In the first place, the French forces appear to have made no advance, nor in fact, have they gained anything. It would rather appear that by sixthness, descritions, less of supplies, insuccessful expeditions and disastrous skirmishes, the Fronch ariny is steadily and somewhat rapidly melting away. The Mexicans, on the other hand, are represented as unlied, confident and determined. They have a fine army of 40,000 men in and around Puebla, which is very strongry fortified and defended by 185 guis of heavy calibre.

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is regard to Italy, Giveco, &c., and deprecated
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Earl Russell, in reply, justified the policy of
non-intervention which the Government had
pursued in the American war. The circumstances were very different from those which
existed when Beiglum was separated from Holland, and Greece from Turkey, and taking ali
matters into consideration, he thought the
Government had taken the wisest course in its
power to pursue. At the same time he expressed the strong opinion, that it would be
impossible for the Union of the Northern and
Southern States to be again established.

Earl Mainuesburg expressed regret that Eugmediation.

Earl Grey took the contrary view, and after a Seminate CHARGE CREATED STATES AND ADDRESS OF THE STATES AND ADDRESS O

National Republican.

The marriage contract of the Prince of Wales a published. The Princess is secured £10,000

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TELEGRAPHIC.

LATER PROM EUROE.

NEWS BY THE CANADA. VICTORIA'S ADDRESS TO PARLIAMENT. a printing a year.

A Paris letter gives a report that President Lincoin's administration demands from France a categorical explanation of the emperor's in tentions in Mexico, and of the interpretation to be put on his letter to Gen. Forey.

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SHE ALLUBES TO AMERICAN AFFAIRS.

HALIFAX, Feb. 22.—The following news by he Canada, which arrived here yesterday, is the Canada, which arrived here yesterday, is interesting:
She has eighteen passengers for Boston, also 149 Lancashire operatives, sent out by Mrs. Burdest Coutts. She passed, on the night of the 10th, a steamer, supposed to be the Chins. The Confederate ship Connor was lying in Cardiff docks, awaiting favorable winds. She is painted pink and blue.

A Bouthampton correspondent writes that the steamship Adriatic is just ordered to get ready for sea, and proceed to New York from Southampton for the present.
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France.

It was reported that the Pope has refused a Cardinal's hat to the new Archbishop of Paris, although the Empress asked the favor.

LATREY NEWS T.A. QUEENSTOWN.
The Pollsh insurrection was spreading. Wengrow, Poland, had been taken by the Russlans after a sangularry battle. The Insurgents were dispersed.

The United States comen at Cardiff writes that no Confederate vessel is lying there as asserted. The wessel in question formerly belonged to Baltimore, but is legitimately sugaged in the Brazilish trade.

It is stated that France had asked Spain to send back troops to Cochin China. Spain replied that she will respect the treaty she had concluded with that country.

There is news of an insurrection in Cochin China, and a desperate sitack on the French forces. Severe fighting had taken place, but the Cochin Chinese were repulsed with heavy loss.

The report that the Duke Saxe-Cobourg had

Tork. The Times states that a reported offer was made two months ago by certain parties in Paris to negotiate loans for the Confiderate Government of £5,00,000 sterling, on a basis of cotion at five cents per pound, the holder having option, after a certain period, of exchanging his cotton for Confederate bonds at soventy cents, bearing sight per cent. interest. This has been partially accepted.

The Prince of Wales has taken his seat in the House of Lords.

LATER NEWS PROM THE SOUTH. REPORTS OF ARMY MOVEMENTS IN TEN-

MEXICAN BANDITTI INVADE THE FROM DECEASED FEDERAL PRISONERS IN

RICHMOND. FORTERSE MONDON, Feb. 21.—The flag of truce beat State of Maine arrived here last evening about 6 o'clock, and brings down between two and three hundred exchanged Union prisoners, in charge of Capt. Robley, of the Third New York infantry. The boat left with them immediately for Annapolis.

The Richmond Enquirer of the 20th instant says there are rumors of an advance of the

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The Queen's speech contains little of importance, excepting the following: Her Majesty has abstained from taking any step with a view to induce a cessation of hostilities between the contending parties in the North American States, because it has not yet seemed that any such overture would be attended with a probability of success. Her Majesty has viewed with the deepest concern the desolating warfare which still wages in those regions, and has witnessed with heartfelt grief the severe distress and suffering which that war has inflicted upon a large class of her Majesty's subjects, but which have been borne with great fortifude and exemplary resignation. It is some consolation to her Majesty to be led to hope that this suffering and distress is rather diminishing than increasing, and that some renewal of employment is beginning to take place in the manufacturing districts.

In the House of Lords, the question being conimmediately for Armapolis.

The Richmond Enquirer of the 20th instant says there are rumors of an advance of the Yankee army upon Middle Tennessee. Cannonating was heard on Wednesday last in front. There were also artillery reports from Beeck Grove, where Gen. Beford with his brigade of Kontucky cavalry is stationed, to ward off the blows that might descend in that direction.

Gen. Forrest has crossed Duck river with cavalry and artillery.

The same paper contains the following:

The Tersas Flag, of the 2d inst., has accounts of an invasion of our soil by Mexican banditi, stealing cattle, borses, &c. Capt. Benevidas company was stacked in Sespata county, and all their horses stampeded. They also captured and hung Inador Villa, chief justice of Sespata county. About five hundred Mexicans have been organized for the purpose of pinnering our frontier, and these proceedings have been approved by the Mexican authorities.

The banditit were, at last accounts, on the Texas side of the river, and some of them under the United States flag.

The dag of trucs boat New York brought from City Foint from eighty to ninety of the crew of the United States gunboat Smith, recently captured are Stone river. Also, nineteen United States officers, being the remainder of those captured previous to Jeff. Davis's proclamation.

DEATHS OF THE UNITED STATES FRISONERS AT ning to take place in the manufacturing districts.

In the House of Lords, the question being on
an address is reply to the Queen's speech, Earl
Derby said he had no objection to make to the
course of the Government in regard to the
American war, but he regreted that the English Government had not joined with France
in the attempt, however hopeless, to effect such an armistice and cessation of hostiblies as might lead the two parties to reflect
on the miseries and hopelessness of the war in
which they are engaged. He ended by approving of the course of the Government on
the American question.

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DEATHS OF THE UNITED STATES PRISONERS AT MICHAMOND.

The following are the names of those who have died in the military hospitals at Richmond since the last report:
John Wright, sutier, Washington, pneumonia, died February 2. J. M. Correy, private, company A. 21st Wis., died February 3d, of pneumonia. J. H. Caswell, private, company K, 74th Ill., died February 5th, fover. B. S. Marchant, captain, company H, of the 136th Pa., fover.

From Fortress Monroe.

THE RECENT FIRE IN NORFOLE-ATTEMPTED ENCAPE OF A VESSEL LADEN WITH GOODS.